



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police

Date: October 3, 2019

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 10/3/19

Time: 2:30 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: I-71 (n/b) at Morse Rd.

Zone: 1

Precinct: 18

Incident Report #: 190836443

Cruiser District: 182

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Incident Summary: On Thursday, October 3, 2019 at approximately 2:30 AM, Ms. Jane Doe was alone in her vehicle driving northbound on I-71, just south of Morse Rd. Ms. Doe's vehicle left the right (east) side of the northbound lanes and entered the grass. The car struck two (side-by-side) wooden utility poles which were installed near a tree line approximately 78 feet away from the edge of the pavement. The crash went undiscovered until approximately 3:50 AM when utility workers, investigating the cause of a power outage, discovered the crash.

Police and EMS personnel responded and Ms. Doe was pronounced dead at the scene. The Accident Investigation Unit responded and initiated an investigation, which is ongoing.

Ms. Doe has been identified, but next of kin notification is pending.

In 2019, Columbus has had 45 fatal traffic crashes resulting in 50 fatalities.

*****UPDATE: "Jane Doe" can now be identified as Ms. Aareonna Harris (23) of Bar Harbor Rd.****

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